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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO LIBERIA: BRIEFING MEMO

1. THE FOLLOWING REPLACES SECTION 4 OF THE PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING MEMO DEALING WITH THE HORN. QUOTE: THE HORN. U.S. OBJECTIVES: TO GAIN LIBERIAN UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR OUR HORN POLICIES. TO GET LIBERIA TO SPEAK OUT FOR A REDUCTION IN THE SOVIET AND CUBAN PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA AND AGAINST ETHIOPIAN REPRISALS IN THE OGADEN. TO STIMULATE LIBERIAN PRESSURES FOR OAU ACTION TO SETTLE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA.

2. LIBERIAN OBJECTIVES: TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES THAT THE U.S. ACTIVELY WILL OPPOSE GROWING SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE AND ACTIONS IN THE HORN AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA.

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3. ESSENTIAL FACTORS: AS A MODERATE STATE, LIBERIA HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE SOVIET AND CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA AND HAS SUPPORTED OAU MEDIATION EFFORTS IN THE HORN CRISIS. LIBERIA IS A MEMBER OF THE OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE WHICH HAS REPEATEDLY POSTPONED CONSIDERATION OF THE ETHIO-SOMALI ISSUE AND IS APPARENTLY NOW ABOUT TO

CANCEL ANOTHER MEETING ON THE ISSUE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10.

4. POINTS TO BE MADE: (A) WE ARE CONCERNED BY THE

POTENTIAL GEOPOLITICAL DESTABILIZATION OF THE HORN/RED
SEA/MIDDLE EAST REGION BY THE LARGE RUSSIAN AND CUBAN
MILITARY INVOLVEMENT.

5. (B) WE ARE VIGOROUSLY WORKING TO RESTRAIN, AND
HOPEFULLY TO REDUCE, THE SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IN THE
HORN AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA; WE NEED PUBLIC AFRICAN
SUPPORT TO BRING THIS ABOUT.

6. (C) SINCE WE FEEL THAT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA IS THE ONLY WAY
TO BRING STABILITY TO THAT TROUBLED AREA, WE HOPE THAT
LIBERIA WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE WITHIN THE OAU GOOD OFFICES
COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT ITS MEDIATION EFFORTS ARE
REDOUBLED RATHER THAN ALLOWED TO FLAG NOW THAT THE FIGHT-
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